

67. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim 66, wherein the elevator system further includes a car and a counterweight interconnected by the tension members, and wherein the surface of the sheave is a traction surface having traction relative to [configured to receive] the engagement surface sufficient that movement of [such that traction between] the sheave [and tension member] moves the car and counterweight.

68. (Amended) A sheave according to Claim 67, wherein the traction surface is contoured to complement the engagement surface of the tension member such that the traction therebetween [between the sheave and tension member] is enhanced.

69. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim 68, wherein the [traction] surface is contoured to complement the engagement surface of the tension member to guide the tension member during engagement with the sheave.

70. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim 66, wherein the surface includes a diameter [D], and wherein the diameter [D] varies laterally to provide a guidance mechanism during engagement of the tension member and sheave.

71. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim 66, further comprising [wherein the traction sheave includes] a pair of retaining rims on opposite sides of the sheave.

72. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim 66, wherein the sheave includes a plurality of the surfaces, one surface for each tension member, and further includes one or more dividers that separate the plurality of surfaces.